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## **Bureau of Land Management Announces Volunteer Award Winners for 2001**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) today announced the winners of the agency's 2001 "Making a Difference" Volunteer Awards. These awards recognize the exemplary volunteer contributions on behalf of the public lands in the year 2000.

"This year's recipients represent outstanding service to America's 264 million acres of public lands and the natural and cultural resources found on them," said Acting BLM Director Nina Hatfield.

"The work of our volunteers is as diverse as the work of the BLM itself. And as the populations surrounding our public lands grow, volunteer assistance becomes ever more critical for our agency. We are truly grateful to the more than 17,000 volunteers who serve BLM each year."

The awards will be presented at a special ceremony at the U.S. Department of the Interior's historic South Penthouse and Roof Terrace in Washington, D.C., on May 23, 2001.

The two winning individuals from New Mexico are Sheila Brewer of Albuquerque and Grant Madden of Las Cruces. Over the last four years, Brewer has worked with BLM's Albuquerque Field Office archaeologists to record and compile site inventory records for hundreds of Native American rock art sites within the El Malpais National Conservation Area. Grant Madden has contributed approximately 20,000 hours of his time to BLM over the past 8 years — the equivalent of a 10-year, full-time staffer!

In addition, BLM employee Anthony Lutonsky of the Albuquerque Field Office is being recognized for his personal approach to volunteer supervision that builds strong partnerships and creates dedicated public land stewards.